

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that the present Application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters.

As requested, the Applicant has amended the title and Abstract. Applicant submits that the title should not be construed to limit the scope of the claims, and the Abstract should not impact the interpretation of or limit the scope or meaning of the claims. Furthermore, the Examiner has requested the Applicant to amend any errors found in the specification. Accordingly, amendments to the specification are provided herein. Finally, the Examiner requested the Applicant to amend the specification to insert a "cross-reference related date" (pg. 3 of Office Action). Accordingly, Applicant has amended the specification to refer to the PCT filing date and Application.

Turning to the claims, Applicant has canceled withdrawn claims 1-12 and has amended claims 13-15 for clarification. The amendments to claims 13-15 are simply editorial in nature, and no question of new matter or questions of further search arise.

Finally, Applicant submits that reasons in addition to those presented by the Examiner exist for the allowability of the claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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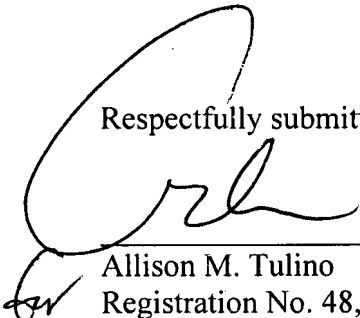
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